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Sir:

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DE 198 10 385 A1, published on September 23, 1999, with U.S. 6,139,586, issued to Wagner et al, on October 31, 2000, cited as a U.S. family member;

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DE 195 06 426 C1, published on November 28, 1969, with U.S. 5,704,945, issued on January 6, 1998, to Wagner et al, cited as a U.S. family member;

DE 39 23 057 A1, published on January 24, 1991, with English language abstract;

DE 197 54 690 A1, published on July 1, 1999, with English language abstract and with U.S. 6,423,098, issued on July 23, 2002, to Biedermann, cited as a U.S. family member;

DE 43 18 901 A1, published on January 27, 1994, with U.S. 5,443,524, issued on August 22, 1995, to Sawamura et al, cited as a U.S. family member;

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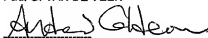
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It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Calderon", written over a horizontal line.

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